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Appl. No. 09/787,126

REMARKS**1. Priority Claim Under 35 U.S.C. Section 119**

Page 1 of the Office Action indicates that the Examiner has not received any of the certified copies of the priority documents. The Examiner, however, will note that this application is the national phase of a PCT international application. The priority documents were appropriately submitted to the International Bureau during the international phase, as confirmed by the attached copy of Form PCT/IB/304. As such, it is submitted that Applicants have properly perfected their claim to priority, and the Examiner is requested to correct the record in this regard.

2. Double Patenting Rejection

The claims have been rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,645,500. This rejection will be addressed and upon the indication of allowable subject matter in the present application.

3. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 112, First Paragraph - Enablement

Claims 1, 3, 5, 8-12, 17-24, 28 and 57-60 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Reconsideration and withdrawal thereof are requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the claimed methods target *mammalian* OPG, and the amended claim further recites the presence of at least one foreign T helper